

Treasury Department,
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington, D. C., October 10, 1887.

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AMENDMENT.

Art. XV, sec.11. All experimental and trial dies shall be in the custody of the engraver, who shall safely keep all models and hubs from which experimental dies have been prepared.

ADDITIONS TO ART. XV.

All experimental and trial pieces shall be struck by the engraver from planchets furnished by the coiner upon requisition signed by the superintendent for a specific number of pieces.

Dated dies cannot lawfully remain in existence after the year of their date.

It will be a misdemeanor on the part of any officer or employee of the U.S. Mint, to be followed by dismissal from the mint service, and punishable under the coinage laws of the United States, to commit one or any of the following acts:

1. To strike either by hand or by machinery a coin of the United States, or a dated pattern-piece or experimental-piece, after the year of its date.

2. To strike from a regular coinage die or dies of the United States, a piece in any other metal or alloy or of a weight and fineness other than prescribed by law for coin of the same denomination, except as provided by section 6 of these Regulations.
3. To strike, except as provided by section 6 of these Regulations, from a coinage die or dies of the United States a piece of stated denomination in which the obverse or reverse or both shall be other than as authorized by law for coin of the same denomination, or in the striking of which dies are used other than employed in the regular coinage of coin of the same denomination.
4. Experimental pieces of proposed designs or of new coins for the official use of the Director of the Mint under Section 3510 R.S., and on his written requisition, shall be struck in such metal or alloy only, and of such weight and fineness, as prescribed by law for coins of the same denomination. Such experimental pieces will be receipted for by the Director, and if not ^{same} adopted for regular coinage during the year, shall be defaced by him as soon as the use is subserved for which they were struck, and forthwith returned to the superintendent, who shall cause them to be melted in his presence, and that of the melter and refiner, when both of these officers shall join in a written statement to that effect, which statement, to be sent to the Director of the Mint, shall be a voucher to the Director of the Mint, and so put upon record in the regular archives of the Bureau of the Mint. Such pieces, if adopted for coinage, will be returned by the Director, and receipted for by the superintendent.

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